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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF US FISHING VESSEL VILCO

REF: MEXICO 2581

1. INFORMAL LIAISON BETWEEN NAVAL ATTACHE AND MEXICAN NAVY INDICATES NAVY POSITIVE IN THAT ID-15 FIX WAS ACCURATE, THAT SKIPPER OF VILCO REFUSED TO BOARD ID-15 AT TIME OF SEIZURE TO VERIFY ID-15 POSITION AND THAT THE CASE IS NOW OUT OF NAVY JURISDICTION. ALSO INDICATED THAT IT WAS EXPECTED THAT US SKIPPERS WOULD SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

2. FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH US SKIPPER IN ISLA MUJERES AND WITH BOAT OWNER VILLER IN FLORIDA, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT APPROXIMATELY 25 US SKIPPERS ARE PREPARED TO TESTIFY THAT VILCO WAS SEIZED BY MEXICAN NAVY IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS. SINCE THE MEXICAN NAVY SEEMS UNWILLING TO ADMIT THAT ONE OF ITS OFFICERS COULD HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE VILCO WILL BE FINED FOR FISHING IN MEXICAN WATERS.

3. EMBASSY IS ALSO INFORMING FOREIGN SECRETARIAT OF INCIDENT AND OF STRONG FEELINGS AMONG SHRIMPERS THAT THEY ARE IN THE RIGHT IN THIS INSTANCE WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE REFLECTED IN US PRESS.

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